STATUTES INVOLVED

Public Law 917, 81st Congress, Chapter 1225, 2d Session, (64 Stat. 1240) Title 11, Chapter 9, D. C. Code, 1951 Edition, Supp. III.

§ 3. *Jurisdiction.* The Juvenile court of the District of Columbia is hereby given jurisdiction of all cases arising under this Act. Proceedings shall be instituted in the name of the District of Columbia and prosecution upon information shall be by the Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia or any of his assistants.

§ 4. *Time for Bringing Complaint.* Proceedings to establish paternity and provide for the support of a child born out of wedlock may be instituted after four months of pregnancy or within two years after the birth of the child, or within one year after the putative father has ceased making contributions for the support of such child; * * *.

§ 10. (a) *Judgment; Prenatal and Confinement Expenses; Maintenance.* If the defendant, in open court, shall acknowledge the paternity of a child born out of wedlock, or *if at the trial the finding of the court or jury be against the defendant, the court in rendering judgment thereon may enter an order* for the payment of the prenatal medical care and costs of the mother's confinement and expenses of childbirth in such amount or amounts as it may deem reasonable, commensurate with defendant's ability to pay. The court may also order payments for the maintenance and education of the child, commensurate with defendant's ability to pay, such payments to be made at such periods or intervals as the court directs. * * * [Italics supplied]

§ 18. *Construction of Statute; Appropriations.* This Act shall be so interpreted as to effectuate the

protection and welfare of the child involved in any proceedings hereunder, and appropriations to carry out the purposes of this Act are hereby authorized.

District of Columbia Code, 1951 Edition, Title 11 § 772. *Right to Appeal—Final order or judgment—Interlocutory orders—Appeals to United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia—Procedure—Printing of record or briefs on appeal—Scope of review—Retroactive effect.*

(a) Any party aggrieved by any final order or judgment of the * * * Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia, may appeal therefrom as of right to The Municipal Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. * * *

(b) * * *

(c) The Municipal Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia * * * shall review the record on appeal and shall affirm, reverse, or modify the order or judgment in accordance with law. If the issues of fact shall have been tried by jury, The Municipal Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia shall review the case only as to matters of law. * * *

District of Columbia Code, 1951 Edition, Title 11 § 773. *Review of judgments in United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia—Procedure.*

Any party aggrieved by any judgment of The Municipal Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia may seek a review thereof by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia by petition for the allowance of an appeal. * * * If said Court of Appeals shall allow an appeal, the court shall review the record on appeal and shall

affirm, reverse, or modify the order or judgment in accordance with law. (Apr. 1, 1942, 56 Stat. 196, ch. 207, § 8).

RULES OF COURT INVOLVED

Rules Regulating Practice Before the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia.

Rule I. *Scope.* These rules govern the procedure in the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia.

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Rule X. *Instructions.* At the close of the evidence or at such earlier time during the trial as the Court reasonably directs, any party may file written requests that the Court instruct the jury on the law as set forth in the requests. At the same time, copies of such requests shall be furnished to adverse parties. The Court shall inform counsel of its proposed action upon the requests prior to their arguments to the jury, but the Court shall instruct the jury after the arguments are completed. *No party may assign as error any portion of the charge or omission therefrom unless he objects thereto before the jury retires to consider its verdict, stating distinctly the matter to which he objects and the grounds of his objection.* Opportunity shall be given to make the objection out of the hearing of the jury. (Italics supplied)